Digital literacy empowers women

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Digital literacy empowers women to take part in social causes, enables them to learn skills and helps in augmenting income and savings.

Speaking on the sidelines of School for Accelerated Learning-organised DOT, an education and technology conclave, Neha Barjatya, Chief Saathi for Internet at Google, said women trained by Internet Saathi have shown an increase in metrics which indicate their participation in social causes. These, she said includes education, apart from others. “We also saw, from an economic standpoint, that 45% of women trained by Internet Saathi said they had improved their income by learning a new skill. Another 50% said that they knew better ways of saving and investing,” she said.

The event saw panel discussions with educators and industry experts sharing insights on opportunities and how technology – such as augmented reality and virtual reality – would act as a disruptor in education in the near future. At the discussion former ISB Dean Ajit Rangnekar said tests like the CAT and IIT, JEE had brought about the ‘destruction’ of education in the country. “I think IIT, JEE and CAT have been worst perpetrators of destruction of education in this country,” he said. Apart from mathematical questions, there should be questions on life skills as well. Mr. Rangnekar also spoke about the importance of values and ethics in curriculum.

While LinkedIn Head of Strategic Partnerships, India and South East Asia, Sachin Kapoor spoke of democratising opportunities, T-Hub COO Srinivas Kollipara said learning was changing and was now had become personalised.